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Municipal Service Review Guidelines Regarding Environmental Justice

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission consider the issue of Environmental Justice with regard to Municipal Service Reviews and provide direction to the staff as appropriate.

DISCUSSION

The State Office of Planning and Research has promulgated Municipal Service Review Guidelines for LAFCOs. These are advisory and intended to provide LAFCOs with “an additional tool to fulfill their statutory responsibilities of promoting orderly growth and development, preserving the State’s finite open space and agricultural land resources, and working to ensure that high quality public services are provided to all Californians in the most efficient and effective manner.”

Chapter 8 of the OPR Guidelines, “Environmental Justice Considerations and Municipal Service Reviews” is enclosed for the Commission’s review and discussion. Commissioner Campbell has proposed that the Commission evaluate this issue and provide direction to staff as appropriate for inclusion in the Municipal Service Review and Sphere of Influence Update program.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN

Executive Officer

cc: Pam Cosby, P.E., AICP